

**WIND RIVER, DRANO LAKE (LITTLE WHITE SALMON R.), and KLICKITAT RIVER  
ADULT SPRING CHINOOK  
2019 FORECASTS AND RETURNS, AND  
2020 RUN FORECASTS**

River	2019 Forecast	2019 Actual	2020 Forecast
Wind	2,800	1,600	2,000
Drano (LWS)	5,600	3,600	4,600
Klickitat*	1,100	400	1,800
Total	9,500	5,600	8,400

\*Klickitat return and forecasts provided by Yakama Nation.

- The 2020 Spring Chinook forecast for the Wind River is about one-third of the recent 10-year average return of 5,900.
- The 2020 Spring Chinook forecast for the Little White Salmon River is about half of the recent 10-year average return of 10,800.
- The 2020 Spring Chinook forecast for the Klickitat River is similar to the recent 10-year average return of 1900.
- Ocean conditions between 2015 and 2018 were among the worst observed during the last 20 years and have likely had a strong influence on the Spring Chinook cohorts that will return to these tributaries in 2020. For more information on historical ocean conditions, refer to <https://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/research/divisions/fe/estuarine/oeip/g-forecast.cfm#Table1>.
- All returns and forecasts are to the mouth of the tributaries.

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